

Service Date: October 25, 2005

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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| IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's |) | UTILITY DIVISION |
| Application for Approval of Electric Supply |) | |
| Deferred Cost Account Balance and |) | DOCKET NO. D2005.5.88 |
| Projected Electric Supply Cost |) | ORDER NO. 6682c |

REVISIONS TO PROCEDURAL ORDER

1. On July 28, 2005, the Montana Public Service Commission issued Procedural Order No. 6682 in the above-captioned docket. Subsequent events necessitate revisions to that Procedural Order. Paragraphs 2 and 25 are hereby revised to read as set forth below. All other provisions of Procedural Order 6682 remain in effect as originally established.

2. All dates listed in the following schedule are receipt dates (filing and service) unless otherwise specified. Dates prior to the date of this order are for reference purposes only. Dates and procedures after the date set for hearing are subject to change at the close of hearing. Dates marked "*" are for additional issue procedures, as needed, if needed. Discovery requests on the utility's application may be submitted at any time up to the discovery date fixed by this schedule. Discovery requests may be submitted by PSC staff at any time subsequent to receipt of the utility's application and prior to the final day for such discovery; discovery requests may be submitted by intervenors at any time subsequent to filing a petition to intervene and prior to the final day for such discovery. Any discovery request submitted at least 10 days prior to an applicable deadline must be answered no later than 10 days after receipt. All other discovery requests must be answered by the response date fixed by this schedule.

- (a) June 20, 2005: Utility's application received by PSC.
- (b) June 27, 2005: Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued by PSC.
- (c) July 15, 2005: Final day for intervention as a matter of right.
- (d) September 16, 2005: Protective Order No. 6682a issued by PSC.

- (e) October 3, 2005: Revised application received by PSC.
- (f) October 14, 2005: Interim Order No. 6682b issued by PSC.
- (d) October 31, 2005: Final day for written discovery (includes data requests) to utility on utility's application, pre-filed testimony and supplemental testimony.
- (e) November 10, 2005: Final day for utility to respond to discovery on utility's application, pre-filed testimony and supplemental testimony.
- (f) November 22, 2005: Final day for initial pre-filed testimony from intervenors.
- (g) December 6, 2005: Final day for written discovery on intervenor pre-filed testimony.
- (h) *December 20, 2005: Additional issues identified by PSC staff.
- (i) December 22, 2005: Final day for intervenors to respond to written discovery on pre-filed testimony.
- (j) *January 12, 2006: Final day for utility's initial testimony on additional issues.
- (k) *January 19, 2006: Final day for written discovery (includes data requests) to utility on utility's additional issue testimony.
- (l) January 12, 2006: Final day for utility rebuttal testimony and intervenor response testimony, if any, to intervenor pre-filed testimony.
- (m) *January 26, 2006: Final day for utility to respond to discovery on utility's additional issue testimony.
- (n) *February 2, 2006: Final day for intervenor testimony on additional issues.
- (o) January 26, 2006: Final day for discovery on utility rebuttal testimony and intervenor response testimony, if any.
- (p) *February 9, 2006: Final day for discovery on intervenors' testimony on additional issues.

- (q) *February 16, 2006: Final day for intervenors to respond to discovery on additional issue testimony.
- (r) February 9, 2006: Final day for utility to respond to discovery on utility rebuttal testimony and intervenor to respond to discovery on intervenor response testimony, if any.
- (s) *February 23, 2006: Final day for utility rebuttal testimony and intervenor response testimony, if any, on additional issues.
- (t) March 2, 2006: Final day for Pre-hearing Memoranda.
- (u) March 8, 2006: Hearing commences and continues from day to day until concluded.

25. The Pre-hearing Memorandum shall be from each party unless the parties agree to file jointly. It shall contain a list of all issues determined to be uncontested, all issues determined to be contested, witnesses intended to be called to testify or stand cross-examination, exhibits intended to be introduced, and discovery, to date, intended to be introduced at hearing. Identified responses to data requests to be introduced at hearing will be accompanied by a proper identification of the request, the witness responsible for the response, and the issue to which it relates. Any special needs to accommodate witness sequence or scheduling should be identified in the Pre-hearing Memorandum.

Done and dated this 24th day of October, 2005, by delegation to PSC staff as an Order of the PSC.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GREG JERGESON, Chairman
BRAD MOLNAR, Vice-Chairman
DOUG MOOD, Commissioner
ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner
THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See ARM 38.2.4806.